

261—410.4 (83GA,SF376) Board duties. The board shall perform the duties as outlined in 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, section 13(5), and other functions as necessary and proper to carry out its responsibilities. The board's duties include the following:

410.4(1) *Comprehensive plan for broadband access.* The board shall establish a comprehensive statewide plan for the deployment and sustainability of high-speed broadband access in areas capable of timely implementation of such access. The plan shall be consistent with federal requirements established for federal funds made available for the purposes of projects that may be considered by the board. The plan shall require collaboration involving qualified private providers and public entities as appropriate. The plan shall allow for the participation of public entities to accomplish project purposes that are financially feasible in areas of the state that remain unserved or underserved as a result of a lack of private sector investment.

410.4(2) *Competitive grant program for broadband deployment.* The board shall establish a competitive process for the disbursement of funds in the form of grants for the deployment and sustainability of high-speed broadband services.

410.4(3) *Legislative recommendations.* The board shall make recommendations to the general assembly regarding any necessary legislation needed to further the purposes of the board.

410.4(4) *Program oversight and transparency.* The board shall establish a process for the oversight and transparency of grants distributed by the board.

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